

What is Kiwanis?

Kiwanis is an International community service organization with members in 93 countries. They are compassionate people who help people and their special focus, though not their exclusive focus, is on helping kids. They work to develop future generations of leaders. Every day, Kiwanians are revitalizing neighborhoods, organizing youth-sports programs, tutoring, building playgrounds, and performing countless other projects to help children and communities.

Can I volunteer anytime I want to, why do I need Kiwanis?

Many hands make light work. Ever had a cause you wanted to devote yourself towards and make a change in? Yes, you can jump right in and help your favorite cause, but it's a lot more powerful when you can bring your Kiwanis club along with you to help. Believe in the power of numbers.

Key Club is a sponsored service group at the high school level. Kiwanis clubs sponsor a club of high school kids who want to do community service.

Kiwanis Advisor Responsibilities (Can also apply to teacher advisors)

Each Kiwanis club sponsoring a Key Club must have a Key Club chairperson. Ideally, the Key Club Committee chairperson should be responsible for the successful operation of the sponsored Key Club. Those Key Clubs that have a well-functioning Kiwanis Key Club Committee are the most successful.

It is imperative that the Kiwanis advisor not only understands his/her obligation to the sponsoring Kiwanis club but also the total operation of his/her Key Club.

The Kiwanis sponsor should see that the Key Club:

- Meets regularly and ideally weekly.
- Follows the constitution and Bylaws of Key Club.
- Develops the nine recommended projects.
- Develops club fund-raising activities.
- Elects club officers early-in February.
- Informs international and district offices immediately upon the election of new club officers for the upcoming year. Names and mailing addresses should be provided.
- Have some social activities.
- Develops and sends in articles about activities to the district publication and keynoter.
- Understands and uses correct parliamentary procedure.
- Keeps complete and accurate minutes of all meetings.
- Forwards monthly reports to the proper people in the district.
- Completes an annual achievement report and submits it to the district.
- Pays dues to both Key Club international and the respective district
- Sends delegates to both international and district convention.
- Most importantly that the Key Club experience becomes a rewarding experience.